Increasing kerosene quota of Orissa

2922. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the kerosene supply to Orissa is less than the demand of the State;

(b) if so, what is the total demand of that State and the allocation made in 1988; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the allocation to Orissa during 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The kerosene requirements of States and UTs including Orissa are assessed by allowing suitable growth rates over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, ad hoc releases are also given to meet specific situations like floods, drought, shortage of LPG, etc. The details of allocations and supplies made to Orissa during 1988 are given below:

(figures in tonnes)

Month	Regular allocation	Adhoc allocation	Total allocation	Supplies
January '88	12100	..	12100	11825
February '88	12100	..	12100	10374
March '88	10785	215	11000	11674
April '88	10785	215	11000	11029
May '88	10785	415	11200	10237
June '88	10785	..	10785	9802
July '88	11515	..	11515	11172
August '88	11515	..	11515	12223
September '88	11515	389	11804	12340
October '88	11515	..	11515	13017
November '88	12915	585	13500	12632
December '88	12915	..	12915	13317

The allocation of kerosene to Orissa made in accordance with the existing policy is, by and large, considered adequate to meet the demand of the genuine consumers in the State. The above policy is proposed to be continued during 1989-90.

Shortage of anti T.B. drugs in Rajasthan

2923. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious shortage of anti T.B. Drugs in Bikaner as reported in Times of India of 27th February, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is high incidence of T.B. in Rajasthan and other States in the country and if so, what are the district-wise figures thereof;

(c) what percentage of population there is estimated to be resistance to anti T.B. drug regimen; and

(d) whether Government would provide funds to URMUL and other Voluntary Health Organisations ope-